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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Submitted by the Secretary-General

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2. Election of the Chairperson.

3. Adoption of the agenda.

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5. Election of five members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC/SP/29 and Addenda).

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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 43 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2001

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In conformity with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the 6th meeting of the States parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations headquarters on Monday, 26 February 2001, for the purpose of electing five members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child from a list of persons nominated by States parties, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 28 February 2001 (see annex I). The names of the other five members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 28 February 2003 appear in annex II.

2. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 25 August 2000, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of five members of the Committee within two months, i.e. by 25 October 2001. This document includes all nominations submitted before the established date.

3. In compliance with the provisions of article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, indicating the States parties which have nominated them. Biographical data of the persons nominated, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in annex III to the present document.

Name of candidate	Nominated by
Ibrahim Abdul Aziz AL-SHEDDI	Saudi Arabia
Ghalia Mohd Bin Hamad AL-THANI	Qatar
William TORO CABRERA	Peru
Luigi CITARELLA	Italy
Abdussalam Bashir DUWEBY	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Driss IDRISSI BICHR	Morocco
Dalibor JILEK	Czech Republic
Noromalala Lydia Clairette RAKOTO JOSEPH	Madagascar
Yuri Mikhailovich KOLOSOV	Russian Federation
Hatem KOTRANE	Tunisia
Magali G. MARIN	Belize
Ghassan Salim RABAH	Lebanon
Tirtha Man SAKYA	Nepal
Marilia SARDENBERG	Brazil
Irina MOROIANU-ZLATESCU	Romania

Annex I

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2001

Name of member	Country of nationality
Mr. Francesco Paolo FULCI	Italy
Ms. Lily RILANTONO	Indonesia
Mrs. Esther Margaret Queene MOKHUANE	South Africa
Mr. Ghassan Salim RABAH	Lebanon
Mrs. Marilia SARDENBERG Zelner Gonçalves	Brazil

Annex II

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2003

Name of member	Country of nationality
Mr. Jacob Egbert DOEK	Netherlands
Mrs. Amina Hamza EL GUINDI	Egypt
Mrs. Judith KARP	Israel
Mrs. Awa N'Deye OUEDRAOGO	Burkina Faso
Mrs. Elisabeth TIGERSTEDT-TÄHTELÄ	Finland

Annex III

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF NOMINEES

Ibrahim Abdul Aziz AL-SHEDDI

(Saudi Arabia)

Date and place of birth: July 1951, Saudi Arabia.

Working languages: Arabic and English.

Current position/function

Deputy Minister of Education for Cultural and External Relations.

Secretary-General of Saudi National Commission for Child Welfare.

Main professional activities

1971-1973	Teacher in intermediate school.
1981-1983	Technical Supervisor in Saudi National Commission for UNESCO.
1984-till now	Secretary-General of Saudi National Commission for UNESCO.
1984-till now	Secretary-General of Saudi National Commission for Child Welfare.
1989	Permanent Delegate of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to UNESCO.
1990-1995	Assistant Deputy Minister of Education for Technical Affairs.
1995-1997	Assistant Deputy Minister of Education for Cultural and External Relations.
1997-till now	Deputy Minister of Education for Cultural and External Relations.

Educational background

Degree in the Arabic language, College of the Arabic language, Riyadh.

Diploma in Educational Administration, Oklahoma University, United States of America.

M.A. in Educational Administration, Oklahoma University.

Training programme in international organizations, UNESCO headquarters, Paris.

Ph.D. in the domain of international organizations, Imam Mohammed Bin Saud Islamic University, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Other relevant activities

Member of several joint committees between Saudi Arabia and other countries.

Vice-Representative of Saudi Arabia in Executive Board of UNESCO, 1995 till now.

Vice-President of Saudi National Commission for Child Welfare, 1991 till now.

Chairman of Saudi Delegation to the General Conference of UNESCO, twenty-sixth session, November 1992, Paris.

Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Executive Board of Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States 1983-till now.

Vice-President of Saudi National Commission for Child Welfare, 1991 to the present.

Chairman of the committee preparing the report of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on measures adopted for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Most recent publications in the field

A number of articles published in Saudi newspapers and magazines.

A number of educational and cultural research papers presented to local and international conferences.

A number of researches on childhood.

A book on Educational Plans of Regional and International Educational Organizations.

Participation in international conferences

Chairman of Executive Board of Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO).

Chairman of Saudi delegation to International Education Conference, forty-third session, September 1993, Geneva.

Member of Saudi delegation to the General Conferences of UNESCO from 1983 until the present, Paris.

Member of Saudi delegation to the General Conferences of ALECSO from 1982 to the present, Tunis.

Member of Saudi delegation to General Conferences of Ministers of Education in the Gulf States, from 1982 to the present.

Member of Saudi delegation to the International Education Conference in Geneva, from 1984 to the present.

In addition to participation in several regional and international seminars and meetings.

Ghalia Mohd Bin Hamad AL-THANI

(Qatar)

Date of birth: 7 November 1964.

Working languages: Arabic and English.

Current position/function

Chairperson of Paediatrics Department, 1996, till present.

Main professional activities

Chairperson of the Organizing Committee, 2nd Qatari International Paediatric Conference, 3-5 April 2000.

Chairperson of the Organizing Committee, 1st Qatari International Paediatric Conference, 15-17 December, 1997.

Chairperson, General Committee for Training, Medical Education and Scholarship, October 1995 till February 1998.

Reappointed as Director of Medical Education and Scholarship, 7 December 1998 till present.

Chairperson of Medical Board for Treatment Abroad, 21 May 1997-April 1998.

Arab Board Representative for Paediatrics in the State of Qatar, 13 November 1993 till present.

Elected Teacher of the Year 1992-1993.

Senior Specialist, 1 March 1994-1 March 1996.

Paediatric Specialist, 18 April 1992-28 February 1994.

Educational background

Beirut School for girls, Lebanon, 1972-1976.

Amna Bint Wahab (High School), 1976-1980, Doba.

MB.B.S., Jordan University, 1980-1987.

Membership Royal College of Physicians (UK), January, 1992.

Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, 1998.

Institute of Child Health (London)

- Queen Elizabeth 18 months
- West Middlesex 12 months
- Queen Charlotte 6 months (Neonatal Unit).

Other relevant activities

Academic achievements

Diet in Acute Diarrhoea (First Paediatric Nutrition Conference, January 1993).

Cystic Fibrosis in Qatar (Gastroenterology Conference, February 1993).

Established Paediatric Gastro-Intestinal (GI) Unit in Hamed General Hospital in 1994.

Rapporteur for Implementation of Cystic Fibrosis Services, Report of a Joint WHO/International Cystic Fibrosis (Mucoviscidosis) Association Meeting, held in Bahrain, 18 and 19 November 1995.

Clinical work

In addition to general paediatrics and hepatology, I have been working in paediatric gastroenterology since 1994.

Established unit and perform the following procedures:

- Upper and lower diagnostic endoscopy;
- Therapeutic upper GI endoscopy;
- Percutaneous endoscopic gastroslomy;
- Percutaneous liver biopsy.

Membership

Elected as a member of the British Paediatric Association, May 1995.

Elected as a Fellow of the Royal College for Paediatrics and Child Health (FRCPCH), March 1998.

Community work

Chairperson of the committee for special needs which has achieved the following:

- Established the Shafallah Centre which is an educational centre for children with special needs including mentally challenged and autistic children. The centre aims to eventually serve children from the ages of 0-18 providing comprehensive services including treatment, prevention and family support for mentally and physically challenged individuals;

- Improving community awareness of genetic and environmental causes of physical and mental handicap;

- Setting up legislation that would provide individuals (children and adults) with rights for an ideal existence in the society. Centre for genetic counselling (under study).

Member of the National Committee for Special Needs as of June 1998.

Chairperson of the National Committee for Special Needs as of 15 June 1999.

Member of the Advisory Committee Supreme Council for Family Affairs.

William TORO CABRERA

(Peru)

Date and place of birth: 16 June 1957, Cajamarca, Peru.

Working languages: Spanish and English.

Current position/function

Vice-Minister for the Advancement of Women and Human Development; American Secretary ad interim on Children and Social Policy; Peruvian Government representative to the Inter-American Children's Institute; Peruvian Government representative to the Indigenous Fund and Chairman of the Commission on Indigenous Affairs; Senior Lecturer in the Department of Human Medicine, Federico Villarreal National University.

Main professional activities

Medical officer for the Peruvian Navy.

Director of local hospital, Tumbes, Peru.

Director of Tumbes Office of Forensic Medicine, Institute of Forensic Medicine, Peru.

Director-General of Technical Support for the Regional Directorate, Chavin, Peru.

Regional Health Director for the Chavin Region, Huaraz.

Director of the "E. Guzman Barron" local health unit, Chimbote, Peru.

Associate Professor, University of Santa Chimbote, Peru.

Associate Professor, Department of Human Medicine, Federico Villarreal National University, Lima, Peru.

Educational background

Master's degree in "Management and Public Policies", University of Chile.
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) scholarship. Department of Industrial Engineering, Santiago, Chile.

Master's degree in research and university teaching, Garcilazo de la Vega Inca University, Faculty of Education, Lima, Peru.

Surgical Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Rosario National University, Argentina.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Directing and supervising the national system of comprehensive care for children and adolescents, and actions for the promotion and encouragement of human development of the public, giving priority to children and adolescents at risk, women, older and disabled persons, indigenous people and illiterates; chairing the multisectoral commission responsible for organizing the eighth session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean; heading the National Commission on Coordination of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Policies (COORDIPLAN); chairing the multisectoral commission responsible for organizing the Fourth American Ministerial Meeting on Children and Social Policy; heading the Peruvian delegation at sessions of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development, UNFPA; chairing the group for promoting homes free of family violence, GRUPFAM; monitoring implementation of the goals of the Lima Agreement signed by Latin American and Caribbean countries participating in the Fourth American Ministerial Meeting on Children and Social Policy.

Most recent publications in the field

Contribution on the text of the Lima Agreement (1998).

Contribution for the national end-of-decade report on implementation of the goals of the World Summit for Children and the Lima Agreement (2000).

Contribution for the American regional report on progress towards the goals of the World Summit for Children and ministerial meetings (2000).

Contribution to the information kit "Fulfilling the promises for the year 2000 goals", in conjunction with UNICEF (2000).

Luigi CITARELLA

(Italy)

Date and place of birth: 22 August 1931 - Naples (Italy).

Working languages: English, French.

Current position/function

Secretary-General of the Interministerial Committee for Human Rights (Ministry of Foreign Affairs); member of the Italian delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations, Third Committee (since 1986); member of the Italian delegation to the Commission for Human Rights of the United Nations (since 1986).

Main professional activities

Professor of Human Rights, Post-graduate courses, Faculty of Political Science, University of Rome (La Sapienza); Professor of Human Rights, Centre for Studies and Research in Human Rights, Free International University for Social Studies (LUISS), Rome; Professor of Human Rights, Ad hoc training courses for high ranking personnel, High School of the Ministry of Interior and Academy of the Carabinieri.

Educational background:

Ph.D in Law (1952), University of Milan (Italy).

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Italian delegate to the inter-sessional working group of the Commission on Human Rights on the draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict; Italian delegate to the Human Dimension Meeting on Human Rights and Inhuman Treatment or Punishment of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) (2000); responsible for the drafting of the first and second periodic reports of Italy on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the latter in co-operation with the Department of Social Affairs; member of the Interministerial Coordinating Committee for the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the rights of the child.

Most recent publications in the field

Handbook on the International Aspects of Family Law (Poligrafico dello Stato) (Italian).

Abdussalam Bashir DUWEBI

(Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

Date and place of birth: 7 September 1948, Tripoli, Libya.

Working languages: Arabic, English, French.

Current position/function

Vice-President of the Higher Committee of Childhood.

Main professional activities

1972-1975	Ministry of Social Affairs, Tripoli, social worker.
1975-1978	Ministry of Social Affairs and Social Security, Tripoli, Head of Social Planning Department.
1984-1989	Faculty of Applied Social Sciences, Tripoli, Dean of the Faculty.
1990-1998	Faculty of Social Sciences, Tripoli, Sociology Professor.
Since 1990	Professor of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tripoli, Libya, Teaching and researching.

Educational background

1968-1972	Garyounis University, Benghazi, Libya. B.A. in Sociology and Social Planning.
1978-1982	Northern Colorado University, Greeley, United States. M.A. in Sociology and Social Planning.

Ph.D in Foundation of Education, Faculty of Educational Sciences, Morocco.

1971	Faculté de sciences humaines, Grenoble, France. Diploma of French language.

Other relevant main activities

1997	Part-time consultant, UNICEF and UNDP, Tripoli.
1988	Arab Centre for Security Studies and Training and UNIFEI, Tokyo, Japan; teaching and research.

Member of the Arab Committee of Sociology (Tunisia).

Member of the Committee of Social Workers (Libya).

Most recent publications in the field

"Sustainable human development in Libya" (UNDP report); "The socio-economic status of Libyan women" (UNDP report); Social Problems (textbook), High Institute of Social Work; "Child Labour in Libya" (a field study - 1997), UNICEF; Deprived Children, Arab Institute for Development, Beirut, Lebanon; Childhood in Islam Dar Al Moultaka, Cyprus; Childhood and Socialization, Amanat Al Adel Public and others; "Childhood rights and care", 1988.

Driss IDRISSI BICHR

(Morocco)

Date and place of birth: 26 November 1947, Rabat.

Working languages: Arabic, French and English.

Current position/function

President of a Division of the Supreme Court - Director of Civil Affairs in the Ministry of Justice.

Main professional activities

1970-1972: Judge at the Sadad Court in Rabat dealing with cases relating to maintenance allowances and minors.

1972-1974: President of the Social Court in Rabat.

1974-1978: President of the Social Division of the Court of First Instance in Rabat.

1978-1982: Senior lecturer at the National Institute of Judicial Studies concerned with the social field (protection of minors).

1982-1986: Elected member of the Higher Council of the Magistrature.

Educational background

Graduate of the Law Faculty of Rabat, Juridical Sciences.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Expert, representative of Morocco at The Hague Conference on Private International Law (participation in the drafting of conventions relating to the rights of the child).

Expert working for the Arab Centre for Juridical and Judicial Research, Lebanon (field of adoption and kafala).

Expert working for the League of Arab States.

Chairman of the commission entrusted with the elaboration of unified Arab law on the protection of minors.

Chairman of the mixed advisory commissions on family law and on the law of custody.

List of most recent publications in the field

Author of numerous articles in various branches of private law, especially social law and law concerning children: on kafala, adoption, children from divorced families, relinquishment and mixed marriage.

Dalibor JILEK

(Czech Republic)

Date and place of birth: 2 July 1953, Brno, Czech Republic.

Working languages: English, Russian.

Current position/function

Doctor of Law, Associate Professor of International Public Law (1995-); Head (1997-), International and European Law Department, Faculty of Law, Masaryk University; Head (1996-), Humanitarian Law Department, Military University of Ground Forces; Consultant (1993-), Human Rights Information Centre, Directorate General of Human Rights, Council of Europe, Strasbourg; Member (1994-), Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague; Member (1994-), International Institute of Humanitarian Law, San Remo; Member (2000-), American Society of International Law; Vice President (1997-), Association of Lawyers for the Protection of Financial Interests of EU.

Main professional activities

Chairman of the Academic Senate of Faculty of Law, Masaryk University (1990-1991); Vice-Dean, Faculty of Law, Masaryk University (1991-1997); Member (1994-1997), Scientific Council of Masaryk University; Member (1991-), Scientific Council of Faculty of Law, Masaryk University; Member (1996-), Scientific Council of Faculty of Defence of the State, Military University of Ground Forces.

Academic disciplines taught: international public law, human rights law, refugee law, children's rights law, minority law; lecturer (1993), Centre for Post-graduate Studies of Teachers, Masaryk University: children's rights law; lecturer (1998-), Higher Judicial School, Kroměříž, Ministry of Justice: human rights law; Chairman (1994-), Appellate Commission for Asylum Procedure of the Minister of Interior, Prague; Member (1998-), Advisory Committee to the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Strasbourg; Member (1993-), Board of Editors, Journal for Legal Science and Practice, contributions in the field of international law.

Educational background

Faculty of Law, J.E. Purkyně University (1997); Doctor of Law (1979), Faculty of Law, J.E. Purkyně University; Candidate of Science (1985), Faculty of Law, J.E. Purkyně University, Associate Professor (1995), Faculty of Law, Masaryk University. Summer courses: The Hague, Thessaloniki, Strasbourg, Florence, Vienna; study stays: ICRC, Geneva; UNHCR, Geneva; Vienna University; University of Paris (XI); United States of America (New York School of Law; Fordham University School of Law, New York; Washington College of Law; Intercultural Center, Georgetown University; Stanford School of Law; Santa Clara School of Law; School of Law at Southern Methodist University, Dallas).

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Elaboration of expertise for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - freedom of movement and international obligations (240 pp.), principle of non-discrimination (6 pp.); for the Ministry of Interior - the 1999 Asylum Act (9 pp.), the 1999 Aliens Act (8 pp.); for the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic - the draft Minority Act (9 pp.). Participation in recent international conferences and seminars in the field of human rights: First Periodical Meeting of International Humanitarian Law, Geneva, 1998; International Legal Aspects of the Position of National Minorities in Europe, Brno, 1999; Implementation of the 1995 Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Chisinau, 1999; National Minorities in the Czech Republic, Prague, 2000; Education - Gateway to European Integration, Brno, 2000; Theory of Human Rights in the Fight against Racism, Brno, 2000, Creating a Multicultural Society in the Czech Republic and Countries in Central Europe, Opava, 2000.

List of most recent publications in the field

"On the draft articles on the rights of the child" (9 pp.); "Concise analysis of the international protection of the child" (12 pp.); Concept of the family in international law"; "Remarks on the Convention on the Rights of the Child" (22 pp.); "Child Labour - Is it a Part of the Market Economy?" (9 pp.); "Invocation of multicultural education and the 1995 Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities" (10 pp.); "Multiculturalism and the 1995 Framework Convention" (11 pp.): "Persons belonging to the national minorities as *homo individualis*" (12 pp.); "The refugee in the Czech Republic: legislative and migratory context (76 pp.); "Contemplation of human rights" (8 pp.); *"Casus Trahunt"* (6 pp.); *"Casus Docent"* (4 pp.).

Noromalala Lydia Clairette RAKOTO JOSEPH

(Madagascar)

Date and place of birth: 18 March 1954 at Ambondrona.

Working languages: French.

Current position/function

2000: Director ad interim for children (May-September).

1997: Director for Women.

1995: Head of the service on action for the benefit of children (adoption - wardship - sponsorship).

1994: Coordinator of the basic urban services project for children in difficult situations - Antananarivo and Fianarantsoa.

1992: Responsible for teaching at the Training Centre for Early Childhood Educators coming from all regions.

Main professional activities

Promotion of the enhanced socio-legal status of women and children, and especially the girl child.

Advocacy of respect for the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (updating the instruments in force in the light of the two conventions).

Design of models, brochures and technical guidance for studies relating to the protection of children.

Promotion of the child to child approach to improve children's integration within the community.

Promotion and raising awareness of the system of sponsorship of children in difficult situations (care by nationals).

Awareness raising and advocacy for community care of the child.

Monitoring of inter-country adoption.

Educational background

1985: Master's degree in private law.

1982: Baccalaureate in law.

1980: Degree in German.

1979: German Zeugnis (attestation).

1975: Secondary education at the Lycée Jules Ferry.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Analysis of the application in Madagascar of articles 26 and 27 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Development of policy on rules and regulations concerning the social protection of children who are orphaned, abandoned, disabled or placed in social centres.

Codification of the laws concerning child protection.

Advocacy to facilitate the development of the national strategy for the protection of children.

Broad dissemination of messages on the registration of births.

Facilitating the preparation of a training manual on the rights of the child in Madagascar.

Drawing attention to customs that hinder respect for the rights of the child with a view to changing attitudes.

Support for the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Inter-country Adoption to draw up and implement legal and administrative measures arising from the ratification by Madagascar of The Hague Convention.

List of the most recent publications in the field

Under the auspices of the Ministry for Population, the Status of Women and Children (MPCFE), studies and publications undertaken with UNICEF and research associations or offices:

1. Violence against children - qualitative study (MPCFE-UNICEF, 1998);
2. Study on the awareness, attitudes and practices of parents with regard to the registration of births and on the functioning of civil registry services (MPCFE March 2000);
3. Study and analysis of the rights of children in difficult situations in the towns of Fianarantsoa, Majunga, Antsirabe and Antarananrivo (MPCFE, July-December 1999).

Yuri Mikhailovich KOLOSOV

(Russian Federation)

Date and place of birth: 7 September 1934 in St. Petersburg (Leningrad) Region, Russia.

Working languages: Russian, English.

Current position/function

1987 to date: Head, Department of International Law, Moscow State Institute (University) of International Relations.

Main professional activities

1959-1963: Legal adviser of the Department for Foreign Relations, USSR, Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Diplomatic service, 1966-1987 (last position: Deputy Chief, Department of Humanitarian and Cultural Relations, USSR Ministry for Foreign Affairs).

1973-1987: Diplomatic service, Legal and Treaty Department, Department of Humanitarian and Cultural Relations, USSR Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

1996: Diplomatic rank of Minister Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Educational background

1959: Graduated from Moscow State Institute of International Relations.

1963-1966: Post-graduate course at Moscow State Institute of International Relations.

1966: Ph.D degree.

1982: Professor of international law.

Other main relevant activities

Member, Committee on the Rights of the Child (1991-1999).

Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague (since 1990).

Member, International Academy of Astronautics (since 1980).

Member, International Institute of Space Law (since 1980).

Director of the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights and Democracy, Moscow (since 1994).

Member, Board of Governors, Russian Children's Foundation (since 1994).

Member, Executive Board, Russian Association of International Law (since 1988).

Vice-President, Moscow Association of International Law (since 1992).

Editor-in-Chief, Moscow Journal of International Law (1991-1997), since 1998 President of the Editorial Board.

Most recent publications in the field

"International cooperation in the sphere of human rights", Moscow, 1993 (documents and materials with commentary).

"International humanitarian law", Moscow, 1995 (documents with commentary).

"Current International Law", vol. I-III, Moscow, 1996-1997 (documents with commentary, co-editor).

International Law. (textbook), Moscow, 2000 (author of several chapters and co-editor).

Participation in international events

Lecturing on different issues of international law at the universities of Montreal, Vienna, Thessaloniki, Milan, Florence, Ghent.

Member of Soviet (Russian) delegations to various organs at several sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the Geneva meeting of the CSCE, the Vienna meeting of the CSCE, the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Legal Subcommittee, UNESCO meetings, diplomatic conferences on The Hague and Montreal conventions against unlawful interference into civil aviation, establishment of INMARSAT, Joint Consultative Group on the Reduction of Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, III Peace Conference of 1999, etc.

Hatem KOTRANE

(Tunisia)

Date and place of birth: 25 July 1954 at Tunis.

Working languages: Arabic, English and French.

Current position/function

Professor - Director of the Department of Private Law in the Faculty of Juridical, Political and Social Sciences, University of Tunis.

Main professional activities

1993-2000 Expert consultant for UNICEF, in particular providing support for the drafting of State reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Tunisia (1994 and 1999), to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (1997) and to Oman (1998); and at numerous seminars on various subjects related to the rights of the child (Beirut, 1997; Riyadh, 1997; Muscat, 1998; Tehran, 2000).

1993-1999 Expert consultant of ILO for the revision of labour law in Lebanon (Beirut - 1993 and 1999) and in Kuwait (Kuwait City - 1996-1997); for the preparation of labour law in Palestine (Ramallah - 1995 and 1998); and for conducting round-table discussions on international labour standards (Amman - 1997) and on the resolution of collective labour disputes (Muscat - 1997).

Director of the National Institute of Labour and Social Studies (INTES), University of Tunis 3, 1991-1997.

Professor of private law since 1988.

Senior lecturer in private law since 1984 (passed the agrégation competitive examination in private law, session of 1984).

Assistant lecturer in private law since 1982.

Educational background

Doctorate in social law, 1982, University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne, thesis on the subject of public order in international social law.

Diplôme d'études approfondies (D.E.A.) in private international law and international commerce, 1981, University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Diplôme d'études approfondies (D.E.A.) in social law, 1978, University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Degree in private law, 1977, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tunis.

Other relevant activities

Scientific and legal adviser of the Arab Institute of Human Rights (since 1999).

President of the Conference of Arab States on the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) programme, UNESCO, Tunis, 1996.

Founding member and Vice-President of the Tunisian Association of Social Law (1985-1995).

General Rapporteur of the Conference of French-speaking Countries, in preparation for the World Conference on Human Rights, Libreville (Gabon), 1993.

Member of the official delegation of Tunisia to the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 1993.

Member of the Higher Committee on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (since 1991).

Visiting professor at the Montesquieu University of Bordeaux IV (1989), and the University of Nice (1990), and associate professor at the University of Paris 7 (1991).

Executive member of the International Society for Labour Law and Social Security (since 1987).

Most recent publications in the field

2000 Le droit tunisien du travail et les mutations internationales, in Mélanges Habib Ayadi, CPU, Tunis.

2000 Liberté, égalité, solidarité: actualité en droit du travail, in Mélanges Mohamed Charfi, CPU, Tunis (forthcoming).

2000 Mondialisation de l'économie et défi de la cohésion sociale, CPU, Tunis.

2000 The Tunisian child protection code: general principles and protection mechanisms, lecture given in Tehran as part of the training seminar organized under UNICEF auspices (Tehran).

Stratégie de promotion de l'intégration nationale et de l'harmonie sociale: éducation aux droits de l'homme, rôle des media et rôle de la société civile, research paper for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, expert seminar on "The prevention of ethnic and racial conflicts in Africa", 4-6 October 2000, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

1999	Le code de protection de l'enfant (annotated), UNICEF publications, Tunis.
1999	Le droit à l'éducation des catégories vulnérables dans le respect de leur identité: le cas des enfants immigrés, lecture given in Messina (Italy) as part of the international seminar organized by the International Centre for Sociological, Penal and Penitentiary Research and Studies, UNESCO (forthcoming).
1998	La clause sociale, vue d'en bas, in "Dimension sociale de la mondialisation de l'Economie", Comptrasec publication, Montesquieu University of Bordeaux IV.
1997	Les droits économiques, sociaux et culturels entre les espaces de la famille, de l'école et de l'entreprise, speech addressed on 10 December to the President of the Tunisian Republic on the occasion of World Human Rights Day, published in the Revue tunisienne de droit, 1997.
1997	Vers un nouveau droit de la mobilité, in "Journées de l'entreprise", publication of the Arab Institute of Company Directors.
1996	Le Code de protection de l'enfant: Principes généraux et mécanismes de protection, Arab Review of Human Rights, 1996.
1995	Législation du travail, flexibilité du marché du travail et besoins de l'entreprise, in Travaux préparatoires au IXème plan de développement économique, Etude stratégique No. 10, Tunis.
1995	Introduction à l'étude du droit, C.E.R.P, Tunis.
1995	Protection of the child in Tunisian labor law: current situation and prospects, in "Public hearings on international child labor", U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, 1995.
1993	La Tunisie et les droits de l'enfant, UNICEF publications, Tunis.
1992	L'Etat, l'entreprise et le droit du travail, in "Journées de l'entreprise", publication of the Arab Institute of Company Directors.
1989	Les principes du droit du travail à l'épreuve du discours identitaire: le cas des pays du Maghreb, in "Liberté, égalité, fraternité: actualité en droit social", Comptrasec publication, Montesquieu University of Bordeaux IV.
	Les discriminations sexuelles dans l'emploi, in "La non-discrimination à l'égard des femmes", CERP/UNESCO publication, Tunis, 1989.
1988	Enfants abandonnés et adoption, lecture given to the Tunisian League for the Protection of Human Rights.

Magali G. MARIN

(Belize)

Date and place of birth: 18 November 1971, Belize.

Working languages: Spanish and English.

Current position/function

Associate Attorney-at-Law
Years employed: 1997 to present
Barrow and Williams, Belize City, Belize.

Main professional activities

Intern Attorney-at-Law
Years employed (summers 1995-1997)
Barrow and Williams, Belize City, Belize.

Educational background

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Sociology, 1992
University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, USA
Graduated with special distinction (4.0 GPA)
Tutored social statistics to fellow students
Tutored minority students in political science.

Bachelor of Laws, 1995
University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados
Awarded First Place in Year I
Received Most Outstanding Student Award in Real Estate Law
Graduated with Honours (Upper Second Class)

Certificate of Legal Education, 1997
Norman Manley Law School, Mona Campus, Kingston, Jamaica
Received Most Outstanding Belizean Student Award for 1996 and 1997, Norman Manley Law School
Received award for Outstanding Belizean Student for 1996 and 1997, Belize Bar Association.

Other relevant activities

Conducted several seminars on issues related to:

- Custody of children;

- Child adoption;

- Protection of children from physical and other abuse.

Legal Adviser to Belize Organization for Women and Development (BOWAND).

Member of the National Women's Commission of Belize (NWC).

Chairperson of Belize Sugar Labour Welfare Fund Committee.

Legal Adviser to the National Committee for Families and Children (NCFC).

Updated Belize's Report on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1999, and acted as legal adviser to the Belize delegation that presented the report to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in June 1999.

Chairperson of Belize Sugar Labour Welfare Fund Committee.

Lectured on Belize's Families and Children's Act of 1998.

Most recent publications in the field

Authored chapter on taxation and investment in Belize, the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBDF), The Netherlands, 1998, and subsequent revisions thereto.

Consultant editor for the International Corporate Law Bulletin, Kluwer Law International, part of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS), The Hague, London and Boston.

Ghassan Salim RABAH

(Lebanon)

Date and place of birth: 27 September 1949, Beirut.

Working languages: Arabic, English.

Current position/function

Professor in the two faculties of law and social sciences in the Lebanese and American universities.

Professor in the field of juvenile justice (higher studies).

Main professional activities

Head of the Criminal Court in southern Lebanon, 1993-1997.

Adviser to the Minister of Justice on matters relating to international human rights conventions.

Head of several judicial committees dealing with the rights of the child in Arab countries.

Educational background

Faculty of Law in the Lebanese University.

Degree in law, 1973.

Two diplomas of higher studies, 1983.

Doctorate in law, 1987.

Diploma of the Institute of Judicial Studies, 1987.

Other relevant activities

Chair of the Committee for the Protection of Juveniles in Lebanon (established in 1939), which is concerned with the protection of juvenile delinquents and young persons vulnerable to delinquency; restored houses of correction in Lebanon after the civil war.

Supervisor-General of houses of correction for juveniles in Lebanon since 1990.

Secretary-General of the Union of Childhood and Motherhood in Lebanon.

Member of the Organization of Juvenile Judges (headquarters in Canada).

Adviser to the Parliamentary Committee for the Rights of the Child in the Lebanese Parliament.

Most recent publications in the field

Phenomenon of crimes in the Two Years' War (1979).

The death penalty: a solution or a problem? (1987).

Law on economic sanctions and traders' crimes (1989).

Modern approaches in the laws on juvenile delinquents in the Middle East (1991).

Amnesty law (1992).

History of social laws and regulations (1993).

Modern law on drugs and their mental effects (1999).

Law on the protection of literary and artistic property and computer crimes (2000).

Participation in international conferences

Conference in Sofia (Bulgaria) dealing with the legal, social and economic status of prisoners under 18 years of age (1999).

London conference on juvenile crime, the causes and the treatment (1999).

Cairo conference on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1999); represented the Committee on the Rights of the Child and delivered a speech on its behalf in the presence of Egyptian officials and about 2,000 Egyptian children from various regions.

Conference in Newcastle (United Kingdom) on violence and sexual abuse against children and means for their rehabilitation (May 2000).

Conference in Bangkok (Thailand) on racism and the rights of kidnapped children throughout the world (September 2000).

As well as organizing various conferences and workshops relating to human rights in cooperation with UNICEF in Geneva and Beirut.

Tirtha Man SAKYA

(Nepal)

Date of birth: 21 July 1944.

Working languages: English, Nepali.

Current position/function

Chief Secretary to the Cabinet Secretariat of His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMG/N).

Main professional activities

Draft rules, regulations, policies and plans necessary to implement the functions of HMG/N and transmit the same to the Cabinet for approval.

Certify the decision of the Cabinet and send the same for implementation to the concerned ministries.

Supervise, monitor and evaluate the process of implementation of the decision of HMG/N.

Transmit the proposals to the Cabinet for its decision.

Work as head of the civil service of HMG/N and supervise the works performed by it.

Advise the Prime Minister and other ministers upon receiving requests on any matters of day-to-day administration.

Hold and chair the meetings of the Secretaries of the ministries and give necessary directions on the matters related to their functions.

Educational background

Master of Commerce (M.Com.) and Bachelor of Laws (B.L.) (both from Tribhuvan University, Nepal).

Participant in the Training Programme on Human Rights Reporting; National Capacity Strengthening, Turin, ILO Training Centre (1995).

Development Lawyer's Course, International Development Law Institute (IDLI), Rome (1985).

Government Legal Adviser's Course, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London (1978-1979).

Other main relevant activities

Leader of the Nepalese delegation to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child for the presentation of initial report thereon (Geneva, May 1996).

Chairperson of the National Committee on the preparation of initial report on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1996).

Drafter of the human rights-related legislative bills like the Children's Act, 1992, Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1998, National Human Rights Commission Act, 1997, etc.

Most recent publications in the field

Various papers presented at national and international conferences, especially the following:

- "Juvenile Justice System in Nepal" (1997);
- "An Overview of Laws on Child Labour" (1996);
- "Implementation of Recommendations to the Committee on the Rights of the Child" (1995);
- Author of the book The Drafting of Laws.

Marilia SARDENBERG

(Brazil)

Born in Curitiba, State of Paraná, Brazil.

Married, one daughter, one son.

Working languages

Spanish, English and French.

Current position/function

Minister in the diplomatic service, since 1997.

Director-General of the Department for Scientific, Technical and Technological Cooperation in the Ministry of External Relations, Brasília, DF, since 1999.

Educational background

Bachelor of Arts, Pontifical Catholic University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Career diplomat, Diplomatic Academy of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations (Instituto Rio-Branco), 1972, Brasília, DF.

Special training course for Brazilian diplomats, Diplomatic Academy of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations (Instituto Rio-Branco), 1989, Brasília, DF.

Master's Degree in High Studies, Diplomatic Academy of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations (Instituto Rio-Branco), 1995, Brasília, DF.

Main professional activities

As a career diplomat, she was mostly involved with human rights activities, children's and women's rights, in particular, as:

Alternate member, of the Sub-Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (1990-1994; 1994-1998; 1998-2002);

Delegate to the Inter-American Commission on Women (CIM) of the Organization of American States (1992-1994);

Delegate to the Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of a convention on the rights of the child (1988-1989);

Elected and re-elected member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (1993-1997; 1997-2001);

Acting Chairperson (1999) and Vice-Chairperson (1995-1997); 1997-1999) of the Committee on the Rights of the Child;

Founding member of the National Council on the Rights of the Child and Adolescent (CONANDA) in Brazil (1992-1994), and participant in the Pact for Childhood, a successful UNICEF effort for raising awareness on children's rights in the country;

Delegate to the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna (1993);

Delegate to the Commission on Human Rights, Geneva (1988; 1989; 1990);

Member of the Brazilian National Committee for Beijing+5, Brasília, DF, (1999-2000);

Delegate to the special session of the General Assembly "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", New York (2000);

Delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women (1991; 1994);

UNICEF Award "Child and peace", Brasília, DF (1994).

Other relevant activities

As acting Chairperson, she delivered a statement on behalf of the Committee on the Rights of the Child at the commemoration by the General Assembly of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, New York (1999).

As a member of the Committee, she has participated in various international and regional meetings and seminars in the field of children's rights, such as, among others:

Speaker at the Seminar "End to corporal punishment for children", Human Rights Commission, Brazilian Parliament, (Brasília, DF 2000);

Speaker at the Conference on Children's Rights and Religion at a Crossroads (Nazareth, Israel, 1999);

Chair of the Roundtable on the Reporting Process as a Catalyst for Domestic Review and Debate, as part of the Committee's celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Convention (Geneva, 1999);

Speaker at the International Forum for the Operational Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (The Hague, Netherlands, 1999);

Chair of the Panel on Judicial and Administrative Cooperation in Family Law Matters (The Hague, Netherlands, 1998);

Observer at the meeting of the Global Advisory Committee of the Childwatch Monitoring Children's Rights Project, (Cambridge, United Kingdom, 1998);

Speaker at a training course organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on strengthening national capacity on human rights reporting obligations (Quito, Ecuador, 1997).

Most recent publications in the field

Child Poverty and Deprivation in Industrialised Countries: 1945-1995, Giovanni Andrea Cornia and Sheldon Danziger (eds.): A book review, in *The International Journal of Children's Rights 7:* 207-210, 1999.

Statement by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, in *Combating the Most Intolerable Forms of Child Labour: A Global Challenge* (Report) Appendix 6, 95-98, 1997.

Committee on the Rights of the Child: basic processes, in Symposium on Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, A Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law, vol. 6, No. 2, 263-286, Fall 1996.

Grupos Vulneráveis: Aspectos relacionados com a Discriminção de Gênero e com as Crianças, in *A Incorporação das Normas Inernacionais de Proteção dos Direitos Humanos no Direito Brasileiro*, Antõnio Augusto Cançado Trinidade, Editor, 413-421, 1996.

Die Menschenrechtssituation der Kinder in der Welt, in *Aktuelle gesellschaftliche Entwicklungen und ihre Einflusse auf die Polizei die Situation Jugendlicher*, Internationales Seminar, Polizei-Fuhrungsakademie 63-75, 1996.

Irina MOROIANU-ZLATESCU

(Romania)

Date and place of birth: 13 June 1950 in Ploiesti, Romania.

Working languages: English and French.

Current position/function

Director, Romanian Human Rights Institute (since 1994).

Main professional activities

Editor, senior editor, column coordinator of Revista Român□ de Drept (Romanian Law Magazine) and Dreptul (The Law).

Barrister, Bar of Bucharest.

Professor at the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest (course of comparative law; comparative public law).

Professor of the Law Faculty, Romanian-American University of Bucharest (course on Family law).

Professor at the Law Faculty of the Spiru Haret University of Bucharest (courses on legal protection of human rights and institutional community law); Professor with the National School of Political and Administrative Studies (course on legal protection of human rights and institutional community law), since 1991.

Professor at the Ecological University of Bucharest (course on legal protection of human rights and institutional community law), since 1997.

Deputy Dean of the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, since 1999.

Coordinator of UNESCO Chairs for democracy, human rights, peace and tolerance, since 1998.

Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest (post-graduate university course on constitutional institutions and public institutions).

Deputy Director of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (IRDO), 1991-1994.

Expert with the United Nations Group for Freedom and Development.

Expert with the United Nations Group for Freedom and Development in relation to women's rights issues; UNDP.

Expert in economic freedom and development.

Expert in minority issues - OSCE.

OSCE expert with human dimension mechanism issues.

Course director and lecturer with the Black Sea University, Human Rights - post-Vienna Overview - a course organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Black Sea University of Costineşti (25-31 July 1993).

Course director and lecturer with the International University of Human Rights, organized by IRDO every year since its inception (1995) up to present.

Educational background

Diploma, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest.

Professional journalist certificate.

High Diploma in Comparative Law, International Faculty of Comparative Law, Strasbourg.

Doctor in Law, University of Bucharest.

Other relevant activities

"Women in the national development and family law" - International School of Bordeaux.

"Arbitration between the State and private persons"; training by the International Academy of Law of the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

"Democratic institutions in Eastern Europe" - NATO training; training course for drafters of laws.

United Nations training courses related to the protection and the promotion of human rights (rapporteur).

Member of the Romanian Society of Comparative Law (former scientific secretary of the Society).

Member of the French Society of Comparative Law.

Member of the Steering Committee of the International Institute of Law of French Expression and Inspiration (IDEF).

Bureau Member of the Association of Students and Former Students in Comparative Law - Strasbourg 1981-1989 and 1997.

Scientific Secretary with the International Law Department, Jurists' Association (1978-1980).

Member of the International Association of Law and International Relations.

President of the Romanian Association for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Secretary-General of the Romanian National Committee for the Decade of Human Rights Education.

Member of the Romanian National Committee for the Decade of Human Rights Education.

Member of the international committee for the launching of the Decade of Human Rights Education of the international association Ius Primi Viri (Italy), since 1993.

Council member of the Academic Association for European Integration.

Most recent publications in the field

Author and/or co-author of over 60 volumes, numerous works, 12 supplements of the magazine Dreptul (The Law) and the magazine Revista Român□ de Drept (The Romanian Magazine of Law), over 300 articles, numerous forewords to scientific volumes, numerous critiques and summaries.

Author of numerous advisory opinions on drafts of law.

Participation in international conferences

Participation as rapporteur in a large number of congresses, colloquies and seminars, national and international, such as the Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law, Greece, 1994; United Kingdom, 1998; the IDEF Congresses of Egypt, 1997; Lebanon, 1999; Egypt, 2000; etc.

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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 43 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2001

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The present addendum contains additional nominations for election to the Committee on the Rights of the Child received after 25 October 2000, which was the date referred to by the Secretary-General in his note verbale dated 25 August 2000 and in conformity with article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. All nominations submitted before 25 October 2000 are contained in document CRC/SP/29. Biographical data of the persons nominated, as furnished by the State parties concerned, are contained in the annex to the present document.

Name of candidate	Nominated by
Mohammad ASHOURI	Islamic Republic of Iran
Saisuree CHUTIKUL	Thailand
Elchin EFENDIYEV	Azerbaijan
Harkristuti HARKRISNOWO	Indonesia

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Annex

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF NOMINEES

Mohammad ASHOURI

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Date and place of birth: 11 April 1942, Ghazvin, Iran

Working languages: Arabic, English and French

Current position/function

Professor of Penal Law and Criminology, Tehran University (Faculty of Law)

Director of Penal and Criminology Research Institute of Tehran University

Member of Research Committee of UNESCO in Iran

Main professional activities

Vice-Dean of Faculty of Law of Tehran University

Head of Penal and Criminology Department of Tehran University

Managing several research programmes in criminology (i.e. juvenile delinquency in the city of Tehran; immigration and its effects on delinquency in the city of Karaj; the alternatives to the detention; human rights and notions of fairness, justice and equity, in collaboration with the United Nations; and domestic murders)

Educational activities: criminology, penal procedure, comparative law and juvenile delinquency in the last 25 years

Educational background

LL.L (in Law) in 1962 from Tehran University

LL.M (Master of Law) from Aix-en-Provence University in France (in 1967)

Diploma of Comparative Laws (Strasbourg, France in 1968)

Doctorat d'Etat in Criminal Sciences (LL.D) (Paris, 1970)

Other relevant activities

Member of the Elaboration of the Procedural Rules in the field of Juvenile Delinquency Commission

Participation in various congresses, conferences and workshop (e.g. International Workshop on Juvenile Justice at the University Kurt Bösch, June 1999, Switzerland)

Active participation in different national workshops on juvenile delinquency

Most recent publications in the field

Delinquent Juvenile Procedure in the Process of Penal Justice in the light of United Nations Documents

Evolutions in Juvenile Offences Procedure in Iranian positive law

New Judicial Policies about Adolescents, Aims and Challenges in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Saisuree CHUTIKUL

(Thailand)

Date and place of birth: 2 March 1935, Bangkok

Working languages: English

Current position/function

Member, National Commission on Women's Affairs; Member, National Youth Commission; Member, National Education Commission; Chairperson, Committee on Eradication of Trafficking in Children and Women; Chairperson, Task Force on Revision of Laws related to the Rights of the Child; Adviser, National Committee on the Rights of the Child; Chairperson, Committee on National Review of the Plan of Action of the World Summit for Children; Member, National Committee on Drafting the National Policy and Plan of Action on Human Rights for Thailand (responsible for chapters on children's rights, women's rights and human rights education).

Main professional activities

As a Cabinet minister (1991-1992) (responsible for children, youth, women, education and social development), she initiated the changes in many laws/regulations, inter alia increasing maternity leave from 45 days to 90 days with full pay; revising the nationality law whereby children born of Thai mothers and foreign fathers can become Thai citizens automatically; changing regulations to allow children who are without birth certificates and registration to be able to enter any public school; campaigning on breastfeeding; rescuing Thai and Myanmar children who were forced into prostitution; revising the Prostitution Law to assist children under 18 years of age and to increase the penalty to proprietors, pimps, and parents who sent children into prostitution.

As a senator (1996-2000) (also chairing the Standing Senate Committee on Women, Children and Youth and the Elderly), she initiated various clauses in the revised Labour Law, e.g. on gender equality in employment, forbidding sexual harassment in the workplace, and monitoring of child labour. Further work included: advocacy for child's rights; encouraged police to set up units for protection of children and women; helped set up the mechanism to assist the elderly at the national level within the Office of the Prime Minister.

As a member of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) (1989-2000), activities in Thailand included advocacy for women's rights, the emphasis on the girl child, formulated research programmes related to children and women (e.g. gender-based analysis of school curriculum, the impact of having a single parent on children, women's studies programmes), decentralizing women's development projects to the rural areas, seeking assistance for girl children at risk (for prostitution and labour).

Other main activities

Other activities included: organizing seminars and training courses for police and social workers on child abuse and violence against children and women; establishing units for protecting children in hospital; advocating the implementation of a multidisciplinary team to help children who have been exploited and abused; initiated the memorandum of understanding among the government agencies related to trafficking in children and women and continues to formulate MOUs between the Government and NGOs; formulated law related to court procedure to make it more child friendly.

Adviser to the Committee preparing the second report on the Convention on the Rights of the Child for Thailand.

Organizing training courses for medical personnel, social workers, police officers, immigration officers on trafficking in children and women; working on a MOU between the Governments of Thailand and Cambodia to help children and women who have been trafficked.

Advising the Institute for Early Childhood Education on child development, the learning process, parental education; developing standards for child-care centres and care-givers; helps formulate national policy and plan of action for early childhood development.

Head of the official delegations to present Thailand's report on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Geneva) and to present its report to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in New York.

Member of the official delegations to: World Summit for Children (New York); Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing); World Summit for Social Development (Copenhagen); and World Congress Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (Stockholm); at present participating in the follow-up activities of all these conferences.

Other activities included formulation of programmes and projects for children's rights in collaboration with UNICEF, International Labour Organization (ILO), International Organization for Migrants (IOM) and NGOs.

Educational background

B.A. in Music (cum laude) Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington

B.Ed., Whitworth College

M.S. in Educational Administration - Indiana University

Ed.D in Educational Psychology and Guidance - Indiana University

Certificate: National Defence College - Ministry of Defence

List of most recent publications

The Girl Child, Japan Global Forum, 2000

The Learning Process of Young Children, 2000

Children's Rights, Women's Rights and Human Rights Education, in National Policy and Plans on Human Rights, 1999

Trafficking in Women and Children, ESCAP, 1999

Towards the Elimination of Child Labour in Thailand, ILO, 1998

Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and Child Rights Management, 1998

Disadvantaged Groups and Equity Considerations with Special Reference to Children, Youth and Women's Development, UNESCO/ACEID (Asia-Pacific Centre of Educational Innovation for Development), 1998

Other papers/publications included keynote presentations/panels at various international and regional meetings on children/women such as those organized by the Mekong Region Law Center, End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism (ECPAT), International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (IPSCAN), ILO and UNICEF.

Elchin EFENDIYEV

(Azerbaijan)

Date and place of birth: 1943, Baku

Working languages: Russian and English

Current position/function

Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the Commission on the Issues of Adolescence under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Main professional activities

Activities in the field of education, culture, science, social sphere, protection of the rights of the child in the Republic of Azerbaijan

Literary activity

Scientific activity (Ph.D. Philology)

Educational background

1998 Ph.D. Philology

1969 Post-graduate courses, Institute of Languages and Literature, Academy of Sciences, Baku, Azerbaijan

1965 Graduated from the Faculty of Philology, Baku State University

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Chairman of the Commission on the Issues of Adoption under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan

List of most recent publications

Over 30 stories and novels for children

Films (including documentaries, movies, cartoons) which cover the problems of children

Articles on the problems of adolescents

Harkristuti HARKRISNOWO

(Indonesia)

Place/date of birth: Bogor, 25 January 1956

Present position

Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia

Chair, Criminal Law Department, Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia

Member, Commission of the Legal Science, Board of Higher Education

Member, National Law Commission for Indonesia

Chair, Human Rights Study Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia

Deputy Minister for Justice and Human Rights Affairs

Main professional activities

1999-2000	Chair, Task Force for Drafting Witness and Victim Protection Act, Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia
1999-1999	Chair, Task Force for Preparing Proposals of Legal Section of the GBHN Garis-Garis Besat Haluan Negara (guidelines for State policy): a University of Indonesia Contribution
1998-now	Chair, Task Force for Preparing Quality Undergraduate Education, Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia
1998-1998	Chair, Strategic Planning Design, Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia
1997-now	Lecturer, Graduate Programme for Social Studies, University of Indonesia
1997-now	Lecturer, Graduate Programme for Law, University of Sriwijaya, Palembang
1998-now	Lecturer, Graduate Programme for Law, University of Udayana, Denpasar
2000-now	Lecturer, Graduate Programme for Law, University of Lampung, Bandar Lampung
1996-now	Lecturer, National Police Academy, Jakarta
1990-1993	Deputy Dean for Student Affairs, Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia

Educational background

1991	Ph.D., College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, USA
1986	M.A., College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, USA
1985	Summer Course, Georgetown University Law Centre, Washington, D.C., USA
1982	Master of Law Programme, Graduate Programme, University of Indonesia, Jakarta
1979	SH, Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia

Other relevant activities

1999-2000	Witness Protection in the Criminal Justice Process, Principal Investigator
1999-now	Building up the Professional Competence of the Prosecutor, Research Associate
1996-now	Torture in Criminal Investigation Process from the Perspective of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; Principal Investigator
1997-1998	Consumer Protection Policies and Issues; Research Associate
1997-1998	Company Registration; Research Associate
1997-1998	Child Protection against Harmful Toys; Principal Investigator
1996-1997	Reimbursement of State Property in Corruption Cases; Research Associate
1995-1996	Legal Empowerment for Crime Prevention; Research Associate
1994-1995	Perception and Practice of Healthy Reproduction in Seven Provinces; Research Associate
1993-1993	Evaluation on National Land Reform Policies, Research Associate
1993-1995	Developing Human Resources in the Legal Education Institutions; Principal Investigator

Most recent publications in the field

Oct. 1999	The Urgency of Witness Protection Act in Indonesia Kompas, 11 October 1999
Oct. 1999	Law and the Ethics of Political News Reporting Workshop on Reporting the General Assembly Meeting 1999, held by Association of Television Journalists of Indonesia in Jakarta
Oct. 1999	Legal Reform of the Post-Reform Government: A Proposal Discussion on Legal Reform Platform of the Post-Reform Government, held by Media Indonesia in Jakarta
Oct. 1999	Law Enforcement in Indonesia Merdeka, 6 October 1999
Sept. 1999	Criminal Law and Violence against Women Workshop on Violence against Women from a Legal Perspective, held by Corruption Watch, Women Studies Centre, University of Indonesia, in Jakarta
Sept. 1999	Child Protection against Violence Workshop for Child Protection, held by National Commission for Children in Jakarta
Sept. 1999	Combating Drugs: A Legal Perspective National Seminar on The Role of Parents in Higher Education, held by Trisakti University in Jakarta
Aug. 1999	Gender in Legal Perspective National Meeting of the Women Studies Centre of the National Islamic Studies Institutes (IAIN), held in Jakarta
Aug. 1999	Measures toward A Clean and Professional Judiciary: The Code of Ethics of Judges Workshop on a Draft of the Code of Ethics of Judges, held by Indonesia Judges Association in Jakarta
Aug. 1999	Violence against Women: A Proposal for Reform in the Criminal Justice System Workshop on Criminal Justice Issues for Elimination of Violence against Women, held in Jakarta
June 1999	Civil Society in the Third Millennium from the Perspective of Legal Development, held in Depok
Dec. 1998	Legal Analysis on Crime Victims, in Seminar on the Position and Protection toward Rape Victims in Indonesian Criminal Justice System, held in Bandar Lampung

Nov. 1998	Violence against Women, in Training for Lecturers on Criminal Law and Criminology, held in Semarang
Oct. 1998	Women and Human Rights, in Seminar on Women and Violence, held in Jakarta
Oct. 1998	Legal Person/Natural Persons in Environmental Law, in Training for Investigative Casework, held in Jakarta
Aug. 1998	Violence against Children and The Action Plan, Seminar on Child Violence, held in Surabaya
July 1998	Children's Rights and the Child Court Law, in Seminar on the Rights of the Child in Jakarta

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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 43 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2001

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The present addendum contains additional nominations for election to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, received after 25 October 2000, which was the date referred to by the Secretary-General in his note verbale dated 25 August 2000, in conformity with article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Biographical data of the persons concerned, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in the annex to the present document. All nominations submitted before 25 October 2000 are contained in document CRC/SP/29.

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Name of candidate	Nominated by
Atsede GUTA	Ethiopia
Corazon Alma G. de LEON	Philippines
Rosa María ORTIZ	Paraguay
Rita Félicité SODJIEDO HOUNTON	Benin
Sandra VILCANE	Latvia
Hayat Malhas YAGHI	Jordan

Atsede GUTA

(Ethiopia)

Date and place of birth: 29 July 1952, Ghimbi, Wollega

Working languages: English

Current position/function

1999 to date	A/Head, Children, Youth and Family Affairs Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

Main professional activities

1991-1997	A/Head, Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.
1990-1992	A/Senior Expert, Department of Women's Affairs, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.
1984-1990	Head, Social Defence Division, Addis Ababa Region Labour and Social Affairs Bureau.
1981-1984	Junior Expert in Department of Social Affairs, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

Educational background

M.A. in Women and Development, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands.

B.A. in Social Work, Addis Ababa University.

Diploma of Haile Sellasie I Teachers Training Institute, Addis Ababa.

Special training

2000	Certificate in Strategic Planning and Management in Ethiopia, ABANTU for Development.
1999	Certificate in Gender and Poverty Alleviation and Human Development in Sub-Saharan Africa, The University of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia.
1997	Certificate in Strategic Management and Planning.
1997	Certificate in Participatory Urban Appraisal Training (Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs).

1997	Certificate in the Training of Trainers and Consultancy Skill Course, (Lusaka, Zambia).
1996	Certificate in General Management Training.
1996	Computer literacy training.
1992	Certificate in Family and Development at the Golda Meir International Training Center, Mount Carmel, Haifa, Israel.
1984	Certificate in Development, Planning and Management: an African Perspective, Eastern and Southern Africa Management Institute, Arusha, Tanzania.

Other relevant activities

Board member Family Guidance Association of Ethiopia.

Treasurer to Ethiopian National Red Cross Society.

Board Chairperson of FADE and SOS Infants Ethiopia (NGOs).

Chairperson of National Joint Steering Committee for Protection, Rehabilitation and Prevention, Street Children and Street Mothers Programme.

Chairperson of Forum on Child Labour.

Co-evaluator of the Good Shepherd Family Care Service health and nutrition programme (December 1996).

Co-evaluator of Cheshire Foundation/Ethiopia integrated health and community development programme (December 1996).

Co-evaluator of primary health-care programme, Radda Barnen, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (1996).

Member of evaluation team for water development project mid-term evaluation, 1995-1996.

Most recent publications in the field

"Women in development vis-à-vis gender and development concept", a paper presented for the Training Manual on Gender and Social Development, February 1996.

Presented paper on gender and child development to different workshops.

Participation in international conferences

Attended the Ninth International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children.

Participated in Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on the Impact of Economic and Social Changes on the African Family (Addis Ababa, January 1994).

Participated in OAU Labour Commission, Seventh Ordinary Session, 18-24 April 1994, Addis Ababa.

Participated in Adolescent Health Programme Planning and Counseling Skills (3-15 October 1994, Swaziland).

Participated in Sahara and Sahel Observatory Scientific and Technical Council meeting (25-27 October 1994, Cairo).

Participated in OAU Council of Ministers, sixty-third ordinary session, 26-28 February 1996, Addis Ababa.

Delegate to Pan African Conference on Youth and Development, 18-22 March 1996, Addis Ababa.

Corazon Alma G. de LEON

(Philippines)

Date and place of birth: 6 August 1941, Paranaque City, Philippines

Working languages: English, French, Spanish

Current position/function

1995 to date Chairman, Civil Service Commission, Philippines

1996 to date Member, International Civil Service Commission, New York

Main professional activities

1993-1995 Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

1992-1993 Acting Secretary, DSWD.

1991-1992 Undersecretary for External Affairs, DSWD.

1989-1991 Undersecretary for Interdepartmental and Special Concerns, DSWD.

1988-1989 Undersecretary for Field Operations, DSWD.

1987-1988 Assistant Secretary for Field Operations, DSWD.

1986-1987 Coordinator, Proclamation 20 Secretariat, DSWD.

1985-1986 Acting Regional Director, Social Development Affairs, Office of the Prime Minister.

1974-1985 Regional Director, Ministry of Social Services and Development.

1972-1974 Acting Director, Bureau of Family Welfare, Department of Social Welfare (DSW).

1969-1972 Social Welfare Specialist, Bureau of Family Welfare, DSW.

1968-1969 Regional Community Welfare Supervisor, Social Welfare Administration (SWA).

1966-1968 Community Welfare Supervisor, UNICEF assisted social project, SWA.

1966-1968 Caseworker, Queens Casework Unit, New York Youth Board.

1965-1968 Camp Counselor, Camp Italian Board of Guardians, New York.

1962-1963 Teaching Assistant, Department of Social Work, University of the Philippines.

Educational background

B.A. in Social Work, University of the Philippines, 1962.

M.A. in Social Work, Catholic University of America, 1965.

Doctorate Program in Public Administration, University of the Philippines, currently enrolled.

Other relevant activities

1964-1965 Queen Isabella Foundation scholarship, Catholic University of America.

1971-1972 USAID-NEDA Fellowship in Public Health, United States.

1978 British Council-Columbia Plan Fellowship, short course on planning services to offenders, United Kingdom.

2000 Outstanding University of the Philippines Alumna 2000, University of the Philippines.

Participation in international conferences

2000 Fifty-first session of the International Civil Service Commission, Vienna.

2000 First annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre, Thailand.

2000 Partnerships in Governance: Common Responses to Challenges to Globalization (a high level seminar sponsored by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development), France.

1999 10th ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters, Thailand.

1999 Brainstorming Workshop on Democratic Governance and UNDP, Sweden.

1999 Fiftieth session of the International Civil Service Commission, New York.

1999 World Conference on Good Governance, Manila.

1999 Forty-ninth session of the International Civil Service Commission, Geneva.

1999 Eighth meeting of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Thailand.

1998	40th Anniversary of the International Social Service, Hong Kong.
1999	45th Executive Council Meeting and Seminar of EROPA on "Administration in transition", Macau.
1998	Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management Biennial Conference, Malaysia.
1998	Forty-eighth session of the International Civil Service Commission, New York.
1998	Informal meeting of ASEAN civil service heads, Singapore.
1998	Intergovernmental Conference on Emergency Telecom, Finland.
1998	Forty-seventh session of the International Civil Service Commission, Italy.
1997	EROPA 17th General Assembly and Conference, Malaysia.
1997	ASEAN Governance Innovation Network Program Advisory Committee meeting, Canada.
1997	Governance and Private Investment in East Asia, Japan.
1997	7th National Conference on Volunteering, Australia.
1997	9th ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters, Singapore.
1997	13th Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance, New York.
1997	Pilot Project Advisory Committee for CAGIN, Malaysia.
1997	Forty-fifth session of the International Civil Service Commission, Paris.
1997	Leadership Coalition for Global Business Protection meeting, New York.
1997	International Conference on the Integration of Public Administration and the Science of Disasters, Beijing.

Rosa María ORTIZ

(Paraguay)

Date and place of birth: 28 September 1952, Asunción

Working languages: Spanish, English

Current position/function

1998-2000 Deputy Director of GLOBAL Infancia: follow-up of decentralized childcare system projects through municipal and departmental authorities. Promotion and implementation of the Comprehensive Child Protection Network covering various sectors dealing with children. Preparation of joint intervention proposals.

Main professional activities

Preparation and promotion of the new Adoption Law. Promoted the creation of the Adoption Centre. Entrusted by the NGO Coordinator with the commentary on the Paraguayan Government's supplementary report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child concerning implementation of the Convention. Assisted in coordinating the revision and amendment of the preliminary draft of the Code on Infants and Adolescents.

Establishment of the GLOBAL NGO. Developed the Municipal Councils for Children's Rights (CODEMI) programme in 67 municipalities.

Deputy Director of GLOBAL.

Preparation of the "The rights of boys and girls" chapter in the publication Derechos Humanos en Paraguay (Human Rights in Paraguay).

Educational background

Degree in social communication, Catholic University of Asunción.

Professorship in English, International Institute of London.

Other main activities in the field of children's rights

Marandu project, Catholic University.

Preparation of communication and education materials for indigenous projects.

In charge of the publications of the Committee of Churches for Emergency Assistance.

Member of the team that initiated the Ayoreo project (reservation for this indigenous population of Chaco Paraguayo).

Collective investigations into children working in the street, Asunción.

Most recent publications in this field

Co-author of the book En la Calle (In the Street) on children working in the streets of Asunción.

Publication of the book Adopción Internacional o Tráfico de Niños (International Adoption or Trafficking in Children) in English and Spanish.

Preparation and presentation of the report on implementation of the rights of the child in Paraguay.

Rita Félicité SODJIEDO HOUNTON

(Benin)

Date and place of birth: 18 December 1955, Cotonou, Benin

Working languages: French, English

Current position/function

Magistrate in 1981; currently Director, Children's and Juvenile Legal Protection, Ministry of Justice, Legislation and Human Rights, Cotonou; from 1981 to 1997, held a variety of judicial appointments: investigating magistrate in 1982; Deputy Public Prosecutor in 1984; Deputy Prosecutor-General in 1988; Court of Appeal, Cotonou, 1990; Magistrate for Social Affairs, 1992; Judge at the Court of Appeal.

Main professional activities

The object of the Children's and Juvenile Legal Protection Office is to protect and educate children and teenagers who are delinquent or in moral danger and keep an eye on all the related judicial and institutional files, nationally and internationally. The Office takes part in all child-related events and gatherings, promotes training in children's rights; brings the initial report of Benin on the Convention on the Rights of the Child to the attention of the public in all departments of the country; promotes training in children's rights, alerts the public to and mobilizes it against drugs and their consequences for young people in Benin. The Office participates in activities by the Children at Risk Cell, is on the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) National Committee, and chairs the Board of the Benin National Committee for UNESCO. She is Permanent Secretary of the National Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Educational background

1979: Master's degree in Legal Sciences.

1981: Magistrate's training course.

1996: Diploma of Advanced Studies (DEA) in human rights, Institut des droits de l'homme (IDHL), Lyon, France. Diploma thesis: "Benin yesterday and today in the light of the Convention on the Rights of the Child".

1996 to date: Thesis on "Child labour: the case of children placed in Benin under the 'vidomegon' system" (in progress), Institut des droits de l'homme, Lyon.

Other main activities in the field of children's rights

Training, alerting and mobilizing people in favour of the rights of the child with a view to effective enjoyment of those rights in Benin, by means of a variety of activities: lectures, seminars, conferences, interviews with the press (e.g. *Le Point*, 16 June 1998).

Instruction in the rights of children and women - attendance at international, regional and national gatherings on the protection of children's rights, such as child labour and trafficking in children.

Responsibilities: Coordinator, National Coalition for the Rights of the Child; Vice-President, Defence for Children International (DEI) for Africa; General Secretary, DEI - Benin; Lecturer at the Institute of Human Rights in Cotonou - subject: Children's rights and women's rights; legal protection of the child.

Most recent publications in the field of children's rights

1998: Les enfants delinquants, sont-ils en conflit avec la loi ou avec la société? (Delinquent children: in conflict with the law or with society?)

Le trafic des enfants à partir du Bénin? (Trafficking in children out of Benin?)

1997: L'administration de la justice pour mineurs au Bénin (Administration of juvenile justice in Benin).

Engagements des Etats en application de la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant au Bénin (States' commitments pursuant to the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Benin).

1996: *Le Bénin d'hier et d'aujourd'hui face à la convention relative aux droits de l'enfant* (memoire IDHL) (Benin yesterday and today in the light of the Convention on the Rights of the Child).

"Les droits de l'enfant, methodologie et pedagogie de leur enseignement en milieu scolaire et prescolaire" (The Rights of the Child: Methodology and pedagogy of children's education in a pre-school and school environment) in: *Droits et devoirs du citoyen, instruction civique et morale à l'école: Seminaire-atelier sur l'application de l'article 40 de la Constitution du 11 décembre 1990 dans les établissements scolaires et universitaires et par les médias* (éds. Flammarion, December 1996).

1994: *La communauté, instrument indispensable pour la surveillance des droits de l'enfant* (the community, indispensable monitoring instrument for children's rights).

Sandra VILCANE

(Latvia)

Date and place of birth: 13 May 1968, Riga

Working languages

Latvian (mother tongue), Russian (fluent), English (fluent), French (fair), Swedish (fair).

Current position/function

Deputy Director, Latvian national Human Rights Office, with responsibility for:

Investigating the situation with regard to the observance of human rights in the country;

Human rights education, consultation and review structures;

Preparation of programmes for the promotion of human rights and coordination of such programmes;

Analysis of legislative acts of Latvia and their compliance with the commitments of Latvia to observing international human rights norms;

Inquiring into any individual complaints, relating to the violation of human rights.

Main professional activities

Modelling and developing of children's rights protection system (1995); formation of State Children's Rights Protection Centre.

Preparation of materials for the report on the situation with regard to the protection of children's rights in Latvia, in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1996-1998).

Development and preparation of the Law on Children's Rights Protection (1998) of the Republic of Latvia, in accordance with the Convention.

Deputy Chairperson of the Children's Rights Protection Commission of the Cabinet of Ministers.

Preparation of the report for the World Congress on Sexual Exploitation of Children (Stockholm, 1998).

Educational background

1990-1994 Pedagogy and Psychology.

1995-1996 University of Latvia, Master's degree in Pedagogy and Psychology.

1999 UNDP Training Workshop on Human Rights and Development, Kazakhstan.

1999 OSCE seminar, "Human rights: the role of field missions", Poland.

Other main activities in the field

1995-1996 Director, State Children's Rights Protection Center.

1996-1999 Deputy Director, State Children's Rights Protection Center.

Children's Rights Protection Work Group, Latvian National Human Rights Office.

Processing and preparation of international seminars on sexual exploitation of children for children's rights protection inspectors (1998) financed by EC and Ministry of Social Affairs of Denmark.

Preparation and compilation of methodological materials on the Convention regarding the rights of the child.

Children's rights protection system in Denmark, November-December 1998.

Lectures conducted for teachers, provision of international documents.

Training for staff of Crisis Telephone.

Project for the continued education of teachers in the field of human rights.

List of most recent publications

Forming an understanding of human rights in schools, methodological article (1999).

Child abuse, article for specialists concerned with children's rights issues.

Right to education for people with special needs - problems and possibilities for solution journal (1999).

Care of children outside the home, street children (1999).

Human rights and social work, article (1999).

Police work with juveniles, article (2000).

Hayat Malhas YAGHI

(Jordan)

Date and place of birth: 1933, Jordan

Working languages: Arabic and English

Current position/function

General Coordinator of the National Task Force for Children (NTFC), a non-governmental organization established pursuant to a Royal Decree in 1995 after the ratification by Jordan of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1991. NTFC serves as the coordinating agency for national efforts aimed at the improvement of current levels of achievement on child-related issues, ensuring that children continue to receive first call. The main functions of the General Coordinator consist of activating and monitoring the general mandate of NTFC to monitor the status of children in Jordan and working on the implementation of the Convention through cooperation and coordination with other NGOs, governmental organizations and international agencies and bodies (such as UNICEF, ILO, UNESCO, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, etc.) working for the well-being of children and the promotion of children's rights.

1. Overall supervisory and managerial activities relating to the implementation of the NTFC mandate in regard to the promotion of the Convention and raising awareness through training sessions and programmes with policy makers, legislators, academicians and service providers.

2. Initiating and participating in the preparation of the Jordanian NGOs' report for the years 1990 to 1998 to the Committee on the Rights of the Child and in the preparation of the report to be submitted to the Committee in 2003 in cooperation with UNICEF/Jordan.

3. Participating in the preparation of the draft of the Jordanian Child Rights Act in coordination with UNICEF and other concerned NGOs.

4. Representing Jordanian NGOs in pre-sessional meetings of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva.

5. Cooperating and coordinating with UNICEF, ILO, IPEC in the implementation of children's programmes and activities.

6. Member of the UNICEF and UNFPA Youth Steering Committee, the UNICEF Steering Committee for the Preparation of the National Report to the World Summit for Children.

7. Establishing and launching the National Coalition for Children (NCC) which acts as an umbrella for all organizations (non-governmental, governmental, international) involved in and concerned with the well-being of children in Jordan, as well as parents and children themselves.

8. Establishing the Research and Database Unit (RDU) within the NTFC specialized in child-related research.

9. Participated in the preparation of regional conferences on "Child labour" and on "Children's rights and realities in Jordan".

10. Establishing cooperation with ECPTA, MENA, DCI, IPEC and Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago with which NTFC is currently working on combined projects in the area of child sexual exploitation, the elimination of the worst forms of child labour, child protection from abuse and child poverty.

Publications in the field

"Children's creative play", UNRWA, UNESCO, Jordan, 1982.

UNDP assignment report on "Pilot experimental project for an integrated approach to education for rural development for women", UNESCO, Paris, 1985.

Designed with a group of specialists a pilot project for Remedial Education Programmes, UNRWA, UNESCO, 1992.

"A Manual for Educational Games for Children with Special Needs: for children in the basic elementary cycle and their parents", UNRWA, UNESCO, 1982.

Educational background

1997 - till present	Post-graduate study for Ph.D. in Sociology, American University, Washington D.C.
1994	M.A. Degree in Educational Psychology, Counselling and Guidance, University of Jordan, Amman.
1970	Normal Diploma in Education, University of Jordan, Amman.
1955	B.A. in Sociology (major) and Psychology (minor), American University of Beirut, Lebanon.
1952	Associate of Arts, American University College, Beirut, Lebanon.

Other relevant activities

Worked with a number of United Nations organizations: UNESCO, UNRWA, UNICEF, ILO, for 25 years in the areas of social relief affairs, the promotion of educational programmes (e.g. children with special needs), youth vocational training programmes, community development and income-generating programmes for young women.

Counselling and guidance programmes for parents and adolescents.

Conducted a study to measure Jordanian public awareness and knowledge of children's rights, NTFC, 1999.

Designed an intensive multi-media campaign to promote public awareness of children's rights, NTFC, 1999.

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OTHER MATTERS

Status of the amendment to the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At present, there are 191 States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which has become, within an exceptionally short period of time, the international human rights instrument with the largest number of ratifications.

2. The World Conference on Human Rights recommended that the Committee on the Rights of the Child should be enabled expeditiously and effectively to meet its mandate, especially in view of the unprecedented extent of ratification and subsequent submission of country reports.

3. In accordance with article 50, paragraph 1 of the Convention, the Government of Costa Rica on 17 April 1995 proposed the following amendment to article 43, paragraph 2 of the Convention:

> "2. The Committee shall consist of eighteen experts of high moral standing and recognized competence in the field covered by this Convention. The members of the Committee shall be elected by States parties from among their nationals and shall serve in their personal capacity, consideration being given to equitable geographical distribution, as well as to the principal legal systems."

4. On 12 December 1995, the Conference of the States parties to the Convention adopted by consensus the amendment replacing in article 43, paragraph 2, of the Convention the word "ten" with the word "eighteen".

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5. In accordance with the provisions of article 50 of the Convention, an amendment "... shall enter into force when it has been approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations and accepted by a two-thirds majority of States parties".

6. By its resolution 50/155 of 21 December 1995, the General Assembly approved the amendment and urged States parties to take appropriate measures so that their acceptance by a two-thirds majority of States parties could be reached as soon as possible for the amendment to enter into force.

7. In order for the amendment to enter into force, it is therefore required that a two-thirds majority of States parties (120 States out of a total of 180 which were parties to the Convention at the time of the convening of the Conference of the States Parties) notify to the Secretary-General, who is the depositary of the Convention, their acceptance of the amendment.

8. On 10 January 2000, the Committee on the Rights of the Child held an informal meeting with Permanent Missions of States parties to the Convention represented in Geneva which had not yet notified their acceptance of the amendment to article 43.3 of the Convention. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage those States parties to do so.

9. By its resolution 54/149 of 17 December 1999 the General Assembly reiterated its call upon States parties to the Convention to take appropriate measures so that acceptance of the amendment by the required majority might be reached as soon as possible in order that the amendment might enter into force.

10. With a view to ensuring the entry into force of the amendment as soon as possible, as requested by the General Assembly, States parties may wish to envisage appropriate measures for an early notification of acceptance.

11. As of 10 November 2000, 93 instruments of acceptance had been deposited.

12. In accordance with the provisions of article 43, paragraph 6, of the Convention, at the first election, held in 1991, the names of five members whose term was to expire at the end of two years were chosen by lot by the Chairman of the meeting. At the first election after the entry into force of the amendment, 13 members of the Committee will have to be elected. Following the same procedure, it is expected that the term of four of the members elected will expire at the end of two years.

13. The attention of the States parties is also drawn to the fact that rule 13, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the Meetings of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child will need to be amended in order to read as follows:

> "1. The eighteen members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child shall be experts of high moral standing and recognized competence in the field covered by the Convention, who shall serve in their personal capacity."

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OTHER MATTERS

PLAN OF ACTION TO STRENGTHEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Convention on the Rights of the Child has achieved an unprecedented rate of ratification. As of November 2000, with 191 States parties, the Convention is the first legally binding international human rights instrument which is close to universal ratification. Only two States are not yet party to it.

2. By identifying problems, making recommendations and institutionalizing innovative methods of work, the Committee has succeeded since 1991 in generating a strong partnership for local, national, regional and international action to promote and protect the rights of the child. Nowadays the Committee on the Rights of the Child is a recognized catalyst of intellectual, financial and human resources for the improvement of the rights of the child in all countries.

3. Global success has generated an ever-increasing amount of work for all partners involved in the implementation and monitoring process, including for the Committee itself. As of November 2000, the Committee had received 153 initial and 44 periodic States parties' reports. It had reviewed 137 reports, leaving a backlog of over 60 reports resulting in a waiting list of approximately two years. Despite its heavy workload (three months of meetings per year), the Committee has systematically searched for ways and means to decrease this backlog of work.

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4. One of the solutions suggested by the Committee in 1995 in order to improve its working capacity, both quantitatively and qualitatively, was to establish a support team with a view to preparing the discussions between Committee members and representatives of States parties and identifying potential areas for follow-up work, including technical cooperation. This idea led to the design and adoption of the High Commissioner's Plan of Action to strengthen the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Plan of Action, finalized in November 1996, became operational in July 1997. It is financed through voluntary contributions, with an estimated budget in 2001 of US$ 749,600.

5. The Plan of Action served as a pilot project for other human rights treaty bodies which subsequently adopted similar projects. It is now part of a global programme to improve the servicing of the treaty monitoring system, which is financed through extrabudgetary resources and has been one of the priority items in the two annual appeals of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for 2000 and 2001.

6. The main achievements of the Plan of Action during the period 1999-2000 can be summarized as follows:

(a) The provision of direct support to the Committee on the Rights of the Child for its sessions and pre-sessional working groups through assistance, inter alia, in gathering and analysing available information, preparing comprehensive country analyses, drafting lists of issues and helping the Committee to identify major issues to be discussed. In this regard it is important to mention that in September 1999, the Committee decided to increase the number of reports it would consider at each session from six to nine, which represents a 50 per cent increase. This measure has resulted in a decrease in the time lapse between submission and consideration of reports from nearly four to approximately two years;

(b) The follow-up to the Committee's recommendations through various activities, including initiatives undertaken at national level (e.g. the national workshop on juvenile justice held in Uganda during 2000), participation in the United Nations Coordination Panel on Technical Advice and Assistance in Juvenile Justice, and involvement in the design of technical cooperation projects of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR);

(c) Various other activities, including:

(i) Assistance in organizing the Convention's tenth anniversary commemorative meeting (co-organized by the Committee and OHCHR);

(ii) Convening a national consultation in Haiti to support the State party's drafting process of its initial report under the Convention;

(iii) Assistance in organizing the 2000 day of general discussion of the Committee on "State violence against children" held in collaboration with the Committee against Torture and the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture;

(iv) Background work for the drafting of a general comment on article 29.1 of the Convention regarding the aims of education; the general comment will be submitted to the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance;

(v) Assisting Committee members and participating in outreach activities such as training programmes, seminars and conferences, as well as meetings and briefings of the United Nations and non-governmental organizations;

(vi) Assisting and cooperating, whenever requested, with other United Nations agencies and bodies, including human rights mechanisms, to mainstream child rights within their activities and projects.

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